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LIGHTS...CAMERA...ACTION!

Last month Walt Disney World took on that special aura of excitement and fascination which is associated with Hollywood when cameras "rolled" and the Magic Kingdom became center stage for the filming of a television special.

Starring **Lucie Arnaz**, Lucille Ball's daughter in the "I Love Lucy" show; **Lyle Waggoner**, formerly of the "Carol Burnett Show"; **Tommy Tune**, a choreographer and dancer who has starred in such films as "Hello Dolly" and the **Rhodes Kids**, a musical family along the lines of the Osmond Brothers, the television special is set to be aired Sunday evening, March 23, on the **Wonderful World of Disney**.



EYES & EARS visited **Dick Orr**, Manager of the Entertainment Division, to get a sneak preview of the special.

"The title given the production right now is 'Journey to Space Mountain.' In it you follow Lucie, Lyle and Tommy to Space Mountain during the dedication ceremonies in Tomorrowland," Dick told us.

A quick look through the script revealed the story line. The musical special opens with our three stars arriving in Walt Disney World and each checking into a resort area . . . Lucie into the Polynesian Village, Lyle in the Contemporary Resort and Tommy in Fort Wilderness. They each travel to Main Street in the Magic Kingdom and meet to begin their journey. From there you are whisked around Walt Disney World in various musical productions as they visit the Theme Park, play in our Resorts, perform in a Caribbean Party, witness the Grand Opening ceremonies of Space Mountain and finally ride our newest action attraction.

But you can see all of this for yourself next month, so we wanted to give you a peek "behind the scenes" to let you better understand what goes into the filming of a television special.

"About one and a half weeks before filming was to begin, we received a list of props needed for the production. It included a taxi, a Rolls Royce, special luggage for the stars, new signs for many of our areas, a Gucci leather bag and other hard to find items. Why, we had to go to St. Petersburg for the Rolls and we found that Gucci bags are not sold in Florida. But after extensive searching, we came up with a similar bag only one day before filming was to begin."

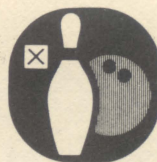
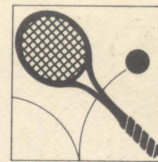
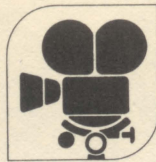
Dick went on to say, "We had to rent a number of Winnebago campers to be used as mobile dressing rooms, makeup and wardrobe facilities. Food Division had to supply a Pargo Cart stocked with snacks to follow the film crew around and Photography Department had to shoot over 200 slides of Tomorrowland in only a few days."



"The filming was quite a test of the flexibility of our divisions and departments here. One morning we called Food Division six times to change a luncheon schedule. You have to be flexible and patient when working with film."

"One example of why you have to be patient is that to film a four and one half minute opening song, 'It's Not Where You Start, It's Where You Finish,' it took the crew about four days to shoot the many segments which make it up," Dick Said.

"Journey to Space Mountain" sounds like it's going to be quite a show, especially since it was filmed right here at Walt Disney World. So don't forget March 23 and tune in for an hour of enjoyable entertainment.



GOLF ASSOCIATION TEAMS-UP FOR TOURNAMENT

Walt Disney World's Palm Golf Course will swing into play this month with an employee golf tournament. Sponsored by the Walt Disney World Golf Association, the **Cast Golf Tournament** will tee-off **Monday, February 17 at 7:30 am** and again on **Tuesday, February 18 at 12:30 pm**.

Beginning duffers are welcome with the tournament winners being decided on a best ball, 4-man team basis. What about prizes? A tournament wouldn't be a tournament without prizes . . . so cash certificates will be awarded to the low scoring team or teams.

This year's tournament will be open to all cast members, regardless of whether or not you are a member of the Golf Association. And cast families are especially invited to come out and support their favorite players.



Entry fees are \$6.25 for Golf Association members and \$8.75 to non-members. That price includes cart and greens fee, prize money and hole-in-one fee.

Sign-up for the tournament is going on now and will end at noon on Friday, February 14. All you have to do is drop by the Cast Activities office in The Center to enter and the Golf Association will match you up. It's as easy as that, so get on the "ball" and enter today.

A note for anyone who is interested in golf but is not a member of the Golf Association: If you join the Golf Association now, it will cost you only \$5 through June, and after that a renewal fee of only \$5 for a 1975 membership. However, if you wait until June to join, the new cost of membership will be \$15. By joining now, you will get reduced rates for regular play as well as tournaments.

IT'S "HEARTS AND FLOWERS" FOR VALENTINE'S DAY!!

Just a reminder that Valentine's Day is only a few weeks away! If there's someone you want to remember on the 14th, be sure to check special Valentine's displays at the **Kingdom Jewels**, Contemporary Resort (they do engraving, too) or the **florists** at both the Polynesian Village and Contemporary Resort. And, of course, you get a 20% employee discount!

SECOND SNOW SKIING TRIP READY TO "HIT THE SLOPES"

The Walt Disney World Snow Skiing Club had such a successful ski trip to Beech Mountain last month . . . that they are doing it again! All cast members and their families are invited to go try out the slopes on **Friday, February 14**, for a weekend of fun and some great skiing.

Beech Mountain, N. C., is the highest ski resort in the South and ideal for the experienced skier as well as the beginner. Its 10 groomed slopes are a great place to do some real down-hill boogie skiing, practice new skills or learn how to ski on the gentle beginner slopes. By the way, many of the people participating on past trips were not skiers . . . in fact, many had never even seen snow before! So don't let it bother you if you don't know the difference between a water ski and a snow ski.

The trip will be departing Orlando Friday evening, February 14 and will feature two full days of skiing and one night in a beautiful Nordic-style inn.

The cost will be **\$75 per person for club members and \$80 for non-members**. That price will get you round-trip transportation, two days use of rental ski equipment, two lift passes and hotel accommodations. Meals aren't included and ski lessons are an additional \$5. (If you have your own equipment, deduct \$18 from the total cost.)

Cast Activities is now taking deposits, \$38.25 per person, for the trip. The trip is open to all cast members and their families. Space is limited to 76 skiers so reservations will be on a "first come, first serve" basis. Call Cast Activities at 824-2222, extension 4254 for further details. And watch **EYES & EARS** for a pictorial look at the January trip.

NEW CAST LIBRARY OPEN IN THE CENTER

Located in Cast Activities on the second floor of The Center, is our newest addition . . . the Cast Library. A great place to read, relax and even check-out a few books, the library is open to all cast members and their families to use. Book check-out privilege is extended to Permanent and Casual/Regular employees only, though.

The library contains general reference materials, magazines, newspapers (**Wall Street Journal**, **New York Times**, **The Los Angeles Times**, **The National Observer** and the **Orlando Sentinel**), business reading materials, general reading categories in fiction and non-fiction (with plenty of Best Sellers), Walt Disney Productions' reference and historical materials, art, music, and theatre.

The library is still ordering books and reference materials, but it needs your help. Cast Activities will take donations of books in good shape which they can put into the library system. The staff will go through all donations and determine usability.

The library also features a **FREE** paperback book exchange. Check with Cast Activities for more information about it or any other questions you might have concerning the Cast Library.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 – “Son of Flubber” Disney Story, 3:00 pm & 7:30 pm
2 – “Son of Flubber” Disney Story, 3:00 pm & 7:30 pm	3 – Basketball	4 – Chess Tournament, Cast I & II, 7:00 pm – “Son of Flubber” Disney Story, 7:30 pm – Basketball	5 – Winter Bowling – Basketball	6 – Basketball – “Son of Flubber” Disney Story, 7:30 pm – 1st Softball Org. meeting, 7:30 pm, Stage I	7 – “Son of Flubber” Disney Story, 7:30 pm	8 – “Son of Flubber” Disney Story, 7:30 pm
9	10 – Basketball	11 – Basketball – Chess Tournament, Cast I & II, 7:00 pm	12 – (Lincoln’s Birthday) – Basketball – Winter Bowling	13 – Basketball	14 – Valentine Party, Theme Park, 8:30– 1:00 am (C. A. to sell Tickets) – Snow Skiing Club’s Trip to Beech Mt., N.C.	15
16	17 – Basketball – Golf Club’s Cast Golf Tournament	18 – Basketball – Chess Tournament, Cast I & II, 7:00 pm – Golf Club’s Cast Golf Tournament	19 – Basketball – Winter Bowling – Hobby Association, Cast Lounge, 6 pm-8 pm	20 – Basketball – 2nd Softball Org. Meeting, 7:30 pm, Stage I	21	22
23	24 – Basketball (Double Elimination - Men’s & Women’s)	25 – Basketball Tournament Chess Tournament, Cast I & II, 7:00 pm	26 – Basketball Tournament	27 – Basketball Tournament	28 Basketball Tournament	

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With the spectacular dedication ceremony last month of Tomorrowland's Space Mountain complex and its two adjacent attractions, you now have three brand new adventures awaiting you on your next visit to Walt Disney World.

Both Space Mountain and the StarJets are "action attractions" which will spin you on a trip through Tomorrowland's innerspace and simulated outerspace alike.



Space Mountain will first introduce you to the void beyond our atmosphere and how mankind has reached out to explore and conquer it with our satellites and space probes in a preshow of three dimensional visual displays. Then you will board your own rocket, strap yourself in and blast-off through galaxies and meteorite showers for the ride of your life.

After an explosive de-acceleration back to earth and Tomorrowland, you will visit a home of the future while you catch your breath. As you stand on a moving exit ramp, you will travel past each room and view a family caught in the act of twenty-first century living. You will see how it just might be in the not too distant years ahead.

Then you whisk back out into Tomorrowland just in time to step on a gantry elevator for a lift topside to the StarJets.

Now you have a chance to grasp the control yoke and command your own rocket.

"Mission Control to StarJet . . . correct your flight trajectory using pitch and yaw thrusters" almost seems to ring in your ears as you fly your ship over 60 feet above terra-firma for a few wind-blown minutes.



Then back down to earth and you are left standing right in front of the Carousel of Progress entrance.

Once inside, you sit down in the theatre style attraction for a show that doesn't take you into the future, but back into the past . . . then the near past . . . and up to the present as it traces electricity and how it has grown and helped man through the last hundred years.

So there you are. Three exciting new attractions you certainly won't want to miss on your next visit to the Magic Kingdom.

YMCA OFFERING FAMILY DISCOUNTS

"Come Alive in '75" could be the motto of our new year as more and more people are waking up to the fact that they can live longer and healthier lives if they watch what they eat and keep their bodies in good physical shape through regular exercise programs. Orlando's Central Branch of the YMCA knows this and wants to do something about it. So they are offering cast members and their families a 20% discount in membership fees.

Open weekdays from 9 am to 9:30 pm and Saturdays from 9 am until 6 pm, the "Y" offers you a gymnasium, indoor swimming pool, handball courts, exercise and weight room and 1/5 of a mile outdoor jogging track. Men can join the Health Club which offers, in addition to the above, a private exercise room, massage service, TV lounge, steam room, sauna room, whirlpool baths, sun lamps, heat lamps, laundry service and valet service.

How substantial are the savings on membership fees to cast members? Well, the normal cost for a man is \$52, but your cost is only \$41.60. And the regular cost for a family membership is \$119.60, but your cost is only \$95.68.

Want to join and get your future in better shape? All you have to do is present your Walt Disney World ID at the Central Branch of the YMCA's front desk. They are located at 433 North Mills Avenue in Orlando.

For your convenience, the "Y" accepts Master Charge, Bank Americard and bank draft plans for payment . . . or better yet check with **Paul Simkins** in the Credit Union for a loan plan that will keep you "physically and financially fit." Have any questions? . . . then give Cast Activities a call or contact **Bill Dunsworth** of the YMCA at 896-6901.

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